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RESPONSE/ELECTION

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the restriction requirement of October 3, 2002.

For purposes of examination, applicants' elect the compounds of Group I (claims 1-13) with traverse.

The basis of the traversal is that all of the compounds within the claims are sufficiently structurally related to be examined in a single application.

Favorable treatment of this election is respectfully requested.

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